

Working for Southwest Washington

Project Highlights - FY 2003 -

This region includes Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties.

TRANSPORTATION

Also see: <http://murray.senate.gov/transportation>

Cowlitz / Wahkiakum Counties, Lexington Bridge Project (\$6 million)

This funding will help construct a bridge that crosses the Cowlitz River between Interstate 5 at milepost 42 and the Sparks Drive/State Route 411 (SR 411) intersection in the Lexington area that is north of the cities of Kelso and Longview.

C-TRAN Park-and-Ride (\$3,663,107)

This funding will support the construction of the new park-and-ride lot. (FY 2002)

SW 1st / NW Lake Road Project (\$3 million)

This project will help the City of Camas begin planning to expand and improve this roadway.

Mill Plain Boulevard at I-205 (\$3 million)

This funding will support improvements to the interchange and the portion of I-205 between the Columbia River and NE 83rd Street. These renovations will help relieve congestion.

C-TRAN, Vancouver Mall Transit Center (\$2.6 million)

This project will help C-TRAN purchase and upgrade the existing site to reduce annual maintenance costs to ensure future operations.

Maritime Fire and Safety Association (\$312,000)

This funding will help support the Marine Fire and Safety Association (MFSA), which provides critical fire, oil and toxic spill response and clean-up capability in the Lower Columbia River.

Pacific Transit (\$96,000)

This funding will replace two 25-foot buses. Replacing these vehicles with new models will reduce emissions and pollutants and increasing safety.

ENVIRONMENT

See also: <http://murray.senate.gov/environment>

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Willapa National Wildlife Refuge - Land Acquisition (\$750,000)

These funds will allow the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land to protect areas of unique old-growth forest, freshwater streams, river and tidal habitats that provide refuge for breeding and migrating waterfowl and shorebirds, contributing to the recovery of endangered species.

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (\$1 million)

These funds will be used to fight an infestation of Spartina grass.

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (\$1.4 million)

These funds will support volunteer salmon enhancement programs.

Shoalwater Bay Shoreline Erosion (\$700,000)

The project addresses the alarming rate of shoreline erosion occurring in the bay.

Columbia Gorge - Land Acquisition (\$5 million)

These funds will allow the Forest Service to acquire lands from willing sellers within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

Columbia Gorge - Air Quality Study (\$675,000)

This grant will provide funding for a \$1.8 million study on air quality in the Columbia Gorge, which is being degraded by regional haze, acid rain and ground-level ozone. In August of 2001, the Columbia River Gorge Commission unanimously approved the plan for the study, which includes conducting air quality monitoring, developing an emissions inventory, conducting air quality modeling, and performing final analysis.

The Rural Technology Transfer Initiative (\$600,000)

These funds will help small landowners use up-to-date technology to maximize timber harvest while protecting important habitat.

SECURITY

See also: http://murray.senate.gov/homeland_security

Cowlitz County Emergency Response Radio System (\$350,000)

These funds will be used to replace Cowlitz County's Emergency Response Radio system. The Cowlitz County Emergency Radio Response system is used to ensure public safety response, emergency communications, and homeland security for the residents and emergency responders in Cowlitz County. Portions of the current warning system are more than twenty-five years old and are at risk of failing without warning.

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New Police Officers for Southwest Washington

See Also: <http://murray.senate.gov/justice> and
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

Since 1993, Senator Murray's support of the COPS program has put more than 1,800 new police officers on Washington streets, including:

SOUTHWEST REGION	197.1 *	\$15,524,698
Clark County	139.1	\$10,858,898
Cowlitz County	29.6	\$1,021,397
Lewis County	12.3	\$2,017,650
Pacific County	14.1	\$1,476,753
Skamania County	1	\$75,000
Wahkiakum County	1	\$75,000

* Note: Decimals reflect that some county police departments only requested a portion of a full-time officer's salary.

Senator Murray has championed the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. She voted for the law that created it in 1993, and every year she has worked to fund this effort to put new police officers on the streets of these communities where they work closely with residents.